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SUBJ: NEW ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL - DR AYALEW KANNO

REF: (A) DAKAR 8504; (B) ADDIS ABABA 5529 (NOTAL)

1. DR AYALEW KANNO BORN IN MODJO, WOLLEGA PROVINCE (BORDER-
ING ON SUDAN, MIXED AMHARA/GALLA AREA) AUG 17, 1939. PRIVATE
SECRETARY TO VICE-MINISTER OF INFORMATION 1963.

AID PARTICIPANT AT BOSTON UNIV 1963-64 FROM WHERE HE RECEIVED
BA. RETURNED TO ETHIOPIA TO WORK WITH TOURIST ORGANIZATION
AND VISITED PRAGUE. WENT TO US AGAIN IN 1965 AS AID PART-
ICIPANT IN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA PROGRAM AT INDIANA UNIV,
FROM WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS MA AND POSSIBLE PHD. WHILE AT
UNIV INDIANA, AYALEW ELECTED VICE-PRES. OF ETHIOPIAN
STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (ESANA), 1967. (ESANA
EXTREMELY ACTIVE AND WELL-ORGANIZED POLITICAL GROUP.)
UPON RETURN HE JOINED FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT HAILE SELASSIE
UNIV (NOW ADDIS ABABA UNIV) AND ADMINISTERED AUDIO-VISUAL
CENTER. AYALEW BECAME DEAN OF FACULTY OF EDUCATION IN 1977.

2. AYALEW HAS BEEN PLBRL CANDIDATE AND DESCRIBED AS BRIGHT
AND "GOOD FRIEND OF US." HE INTERESTED IN MEDIA ESPECIALLY
AND EASILY CONVERSANT WITH AMERICANS. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE
INFO ON MARITAL STATUS, OTHER INTERESTS, OR LANGUAGE SKILLS.

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